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Invention:

DATA OUTPUT DEVICE AND

INFORMATION-GATHERING

SYSTEM USING THE SAME

Applicant:

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the October 23, 2002 Official Action, please amend the above-

identified application as provided below.

In the Claims

Please add the following new claims 6-15.

6. (New) A bar-code reader for transmitting bar-code data which is read from a bar-code, comprising:

a reading section reading bar-code data from a bar-code;

a memory storing said bar-code data having been read;

an operation section and operation control section operating and stopping said reading section;

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